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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 has been cancelled above and new claims 4-30 substituted therefor. Upon entry of the amendment, new claims 4-30 will be pending and under examination. The continuation application filed herewith reflects the above amendments in that new claims 4-30 and the priority paragraph have been incorporated as set forth above.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the application. Specifically, support for the claimed isolated nucleic acids can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 6-10; page 5, lines 5-15, and at page 8, line 8 through page 10, line 24. Support also can be found, for example, in Figure 2 and in SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

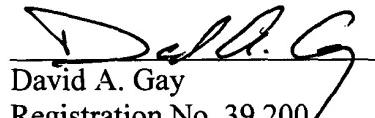
CONCLUSION

In light of the Amendments and Remarks herein, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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